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 Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

March 23, 1974

Snowed 3 inches last night with temp. down to 12°F. Cold and north wind yesterday. This early season Feb. & March have been mild and warm and not windy. At 402 Yorkshire Dr. 8 grackles visited feeding station for 20 min. then left area, consuming in that period 80% of the food. Migrating birds are a factor in consuming food of the resident populations of birds. Both farmers and native population have to make adjustments. The grackles were in good physical condition and very active. One cow bird came in with the grackles. A slate-colored juncos and a downy were also at the feeder. Starling displace the downy at the feeder which is not true with the flicker or red-bellied woodpecker.

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March 29, 1974

Strong winds blew sands from field adjacent to Kaw River mainly W of KPL and in area of major bend to W just E of Lawrence. In the Lakeview area (N of lake toward river) sands so thick that visibility was reduced to 30-40 feet.

Perry Reservoir, Jefferson Co., Kansas

will March 30, 1974

Annette and I spent today and tomorrow at Paradise Point on Perry Reservoir. Left home at 1:40 P.M. at 81724.0 mileage. Day clear sky, no wind and temp approx. 70°F. Will follow Leecompton road that parallels the turnpike thence N thru Leecompton to Perry Reservoir. 29.1 sparrow hawk, mockingbird. Starling, grackles, meadow larks along road. 29.5 at pond along S side of road observed 12 lesser scaup and 6 shovellers. 30.0 opossum road kill. Bob-white, cardinal, Eng sparrows. 35.0 Leecompton Bridge over Kaw River. Sand bars in river and lowest I have seen this winter or spring. 37.2 Perry. 40.3 (2:12 P.M.) at entrance to Perry Res. 49.1 main road to Ozawie. Continuing N. 49.8 2 killed deer in road in some general area as observed on a previous trip. 51.1 Paradise Point turnoff. This road from mile 49.1 is difficult to navigate when wet. 52.7 Entrance to Paradise Point area. at 2:37 P.M. The trip from home is approx. 1 hr leisure time travel. At the entrance can see green fields down to high water mark of lake and brown below water mark. The vegetation below the water is definitely effected by the ^{previouly} high water. ~~area~~ Short cut grass on certain exposures show some green lakeward from water mark. Trees below & above water line some stage of development. Drove around peninsula and camp at highest point on peninsula at mileage 81773.1